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In re Appln Of: ASPAR et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C., 20231

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

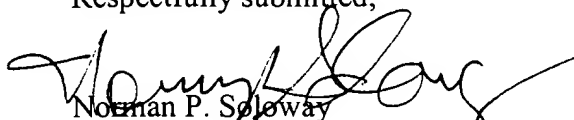
This amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed January 3, 2002. A petition for three month extension of term accompanies this amendment.

REMARKS

All of the claims have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over commonly owned U.S. Patent 6,225,192. Accompanying this amendment is a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b). With the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed the application now is in order for allowance.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our deposit account number 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,



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